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***Response to Amendment***

1. Examiner maintains the rejections are proper. Patil et al. (US 5,070,284) disclosed an active vehicle suspension system with fail-safe operation comprising: an actuator 100 with an armature and a stator, the stator having at least one coil with coil ends A, B, C, power electronics connected to the coil ends to deliver power to the actuator through the coil ends, and a fail-safe clamping circuit 118, 120, 138 connected to the coil ends powered by energy produced from the movement of the actuator that is directly conveyed to the clamping circuit from the coil ends, to passively damp the actuator during a failure of the power electronics by clamping the coil ends together through relay 120; wherein when the machine 104 is operated as an alternator in the fail-safe mode, electric currents are generated by the rotation of the armature via the screw threads 112 and the screw cage 106, and the generation of electric currents will definitely generate a back electromotive force which powers the clamping circuit through the coil assembly, see Summary of the Invention, col. 2, line 38 through col. 4, line 32.

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